

Tribal Newsletter

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A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

AND WHAT A YEAR IT WAS! For decades, our Tribe has sought the return of ancestral lands, including Gregory Point, Coos Head and aboriginal forest lands; we have pursued Economic Development projects and examined opportunities for increased funding for tribal member services. It is fitting that during the year of the 20th Restoration anniversary these goals are becoming reality, commemorating the hard work of many tribal members. For the last five years, this Tribal Council and Administration have remained focused and committed to achieving those fundamental goals established by the General Council. We are happy to report the status of those projects in this update:

Return of Ancestral Lands: In the 1800's the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes inhabited 1.6 million acres of land on the Southern Oregon Coast and inland. This area was illegally taken by an unratified Congressional treaty. The General Membership and past Tribal Councils sought to have a portion of those lands returned to tribal ownership, but their efforts fell on deaf ears. To revitalize this endeavor, the Tribal Council and Administration devised a new "Forest Land Restoration Plan" that would return approximately 62 thousand acres of the Siuslaw National Forest back to its' rightful owners. Our voices were heard by Senator Gordon Smith after many meetings with the Oregon Congressional Delegations, Governors and the public. Senator Smith introduced Senate Bill S. 868 entitled "The Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Amendments Act of 2003" on April 10, 2003. This Senate Bill sought to return approximately 62 thousand acres of the Siuslaw National Forest to the Confederated Tribes, righting the wrong done when the land was taken from them. On March 30, 2004, Vice Chair, Cheryl Hoile, accompanied by the entire Tribal Council and the Tribal Administrator, provided emotional testimony at the Senate Hearing before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. With this testimony, the support of State Representatives, and many letters expressing local support of the bill, incentive was provided for the Forest Service to commence negotiations on the Bill.



Senator Smith speaks at the Tribes' administration building.



Cheryl Hoile testifies at the Senate Hearing in Washington D.C.

In the last months, the Tribal Council and Administration have been negotiating with the Forest Service on the number of acres covered in the Bill. We have not conceded to a reduction of acreage and it is very clear now that the United States will return some land to the Tribes. This is a major accomplishment, in addition, recently, the Tribal Council and Administrator met with Senator Gordon Smith who again committed to reintroducing a Bill that would return the lands to the tribes. We look forward to finalizing negotiations with the Forest Service and the reintroduction of a Bill for the upcoming Congress.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

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- **Election Board**
Bob Barrett, Chair

- **Enrollment Committee**

Sue Olson, Chair

- **Housing Committee**

Bud Ingersoll, Chair

- **Tribal Health Board**

Sue Olson, Vice- Chair

- **Oregon Cultural Trust Tribal Cultural Coalition Planning Committee**

George Barton, Chair

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Place:

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
2625 Hwy 101 N.
(Intersection of 26th & Hwy 101)
Florence, OR

Date:

February 13, 2005

Time:

10:00 AM

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
- 6) Other
- 7) Good of Tribes
- 8) Executive Session, if needed



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Upcoming Events

February

- **Elders Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance**
February 12th: Coos Bay
- **Tribal Council Meeting**
February 13th: Florence
- **JOM Activity: Bowling**
February 19th: North Bend and Springfield
- **Prevention Activity: Beach Combing**
February 26th: Florence

March

- **Tribal Council Meeting**
March 13th: Springfield
- **Elders' Honor Day Celebration**
March 18th & 19th: Coos Bay
- **JOM Activity: Movies**
March 19th: Coos Bay and Springfield
- **Prevention Activity: Snow Trip**
March 21st—25th

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Please Consider Joining a committee today!

The following committees have vacancies:

- Child Protection Team— 1 vacancy
- Cultural Committee—1 vacancy

Changes?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, telephone number, name, or addition to your family.

Changes should be submitted to:

Eileen King,
Council Secretary/Enrollment Coordinator
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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

♦ Resolution # 05-001

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Enrollment of New Members*

♦ Resolution # 05-003

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Title VI Grant*

♦ Resolution # 05-005

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Special Transportation Fund for the Elderly & Disabled Grant*

♦ Resolution # 05-007

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Economic and Community Development Grant Application*

♦ Resolution # 05-009

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Approval of 2005 Three Rivers Casino*

♦ Resolution # 05-002

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Active to Historic (Samuel Fredrick Sprague)*

♦ Resolution # 05-004

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Special Diabetes Program Grant*

♦ Resolution # 05-006

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Resolution to Rescind Resolution Renaming of "Squaw Island"*

♦ Resolution # 05-008

Date Passed: 01-09-05

Subject: *Approval of 2005 Budgets*



Home Repair Assistance For Disabled Tribal Members



Submitted by Laurie Voshell



Disabled Tribal members requiring modifications to their home such as ramps and handrails do not have to be homeowners to receive assistance. Their home could be an apartment, rent house or duplex. The home where the repair or modification is being made must simply be the disabled Tribal member's primary residence. In addition, there is more than one funding source to pay for these reasonable accommodations. If you are a disabled Tribal Member and are low or moderate income, we can help you make your home more accessible by installing grab rails, special door thresholds, special countertops and piping that accommodate wheel chairs, ramps, hearing impaired alarms or other necessary modifications at no cost to you.

The Housing Department will provide up to \$10,000 per household for repairs or modifications that enable Tribal members to fully access their homes. These types of modification requests receive our priority processing, as one of our goals is to meet the needs of Disabled Tribal members. Please contact your Housing Department at (541) 888-9577 or at (888) 280-0726 if you have any questions or would like to apply for this assistance.





National Center for Cooperative Education

Opportunities for Native Americans

School and Work: A Rewarding Combination

The purpose of National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources (NCCE) is to serve Native American students interested in pursuing careers in natural resource fields with tribes, the BIA, or other natural resources agencies.

NCCE offers:

- ³ Tuition assistance—\$5,000 annually.
- ³ Summer employment—related to academic field of study \$9—\$11 per hour.
- ³ Employment opportunity after graduation—BIA and tribal professional level positions.
- ³ Life insurance and health benefits—vacation, sick and holiday pay, retirement.

Minimum requirements:

- ³ Completed one year of college, in good academic standing, and accepted to attend or attending an accredited college or university.
- ³ Pursuing at a minimum, a bachelor's degree.
- ³ Majoring in a natural resources field such as: forestry, soil conservation, range management geographic information systems, wildlife management, watershed/hydrology, fisheries management, civil engineering.
- ³ Interest in a career working with tribes, BIA, or other natural resource agencies.

Needed to apply:

- ³ Completed federal employment form (OF612)* or resume**.
- ³ Completed "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment" (form BIA 4432)
- ³ Letter of application that includes: Your perception of your academic and applied strengths—a description of your career goals and objectives.
- ³ Letter of recommendation from academic advisor or faculty member that includes: How long and in what capacity the advisor or faculty member has known you as a student - his or her perception of your academic and practical application strengths.
- ³ Proof of enrollment or acceptance into a college forestry or natural resources program.
- ³ Transcript and current class schedule.
- ³ Letter of support from tribal or BIA area or agency natural resources staff (optional but helpful).

*Form OF612 is available at www.opm.gov and BIA 4432 is available through the Liaison's office.

**Resume must include all the information requested in the OF612.

Send application package to:
Doug Eifler
Natural Resources Liaison Office
Haskell Indian Nations University
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Deadline: March 5, 2005

Keep your thoughts positive, because your thoughts become your words.
Keep your words positive, because they become your behavior.
Keep your behavior positive, because it becomes your habits.
Keep your habits positive, because they become your values.
Keep your values positive, because they become your destiny.

- Submitted by Carolyn Slyter



Two Tribal Homes Available For Rent

The Springfield House and The Neese Street house in Coos Bay are FOR RENT!!!

- f Both homes are newly refurbished.
- f Rents: \$700 for the Springfield house and \$750 for the Neese Street house in Coos Bay.
- f Call Scott at (541)744-9300 about the Springfield house.
- f Call Laurie or Linda at (541)756-7783 about the Neese Street House in Coos Bay.

NOTICE

Your Housing Department has compiled its Annual Report and will be submitting it to the Seattle HUD office. If you would like a copy to read and make comments, please contact the Housing office at (541)756-7783.

WANTED: Old bed sheets for art project.

Please drop your donations off at the front desk of the Tribal Administration building:
1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR.

Questions? Call John Cauthorn at 266-8121.



Dorothy Kneaper thanks all who gave gifts and well wishes on her birthday.



2005 Celebration

Tribal employees and Council Members enjoyed a 'Welcome 2005' celebration at the Mill Casino January 7th. The event included a buffet dinner. The employee support group, the PRAISE Committee, gave out hand made necklaces in recognition of both Council and staff service to the Tribes.



Tribal Gaming Commission Notice: January 10th through the 14th Mike Steele, Dan Masterson, and Steve Barrett from the Surveillance Department; Chuck Tidball, Tribal Police; and Dean Durgan and Bob Miller of the Gaming Commission successfully completed the Nevada Gaming Control Board Enforcement Gaming Academy in North Las Vegas, Nevada. The Academy is an intensive 40 hour course that has a reputation of being the best training of it's type available. Dean Durgan distinguished himself by being awarded the "student of the week," by the Academy staff for scoring 100% on all examinations!

Education/Employment Department

Submitted by Ellen Hansen, Education/Employment Director

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE – CONTACT ELLEN HANSEN, EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR AT 1-866-744-9300 OR KAREN PORTER, EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT AT 541-888-7532 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- *Adult Basic Education – (5 county service area only)
 - *GED Testing Fees for Tribal members pursuing a General Education Diploma
- *Employment Assistance – (5 county service area only)
 - *Pre-employment training skills – “How to’s” – find a job, correctly fill out an application, write a resume, prepare for an interview, dress for success
 - *Direct Employment Assistance – help with job relocation expenses due to being laid off one job and being forced to move to obtain employment – Tribal member must provide letter from employers
 - *On-the-Job Training – 12 week training program designed to help Tribal members and employers with initial training costs
 - *Certificate/Associate Degree programs – financial assistance for Tribal members attending a community college full-time (12 credits per term and must maintain a 2.0 gpa) – education packet required
 - *Vocational/Technical - school assistance for those Tribal members who attend full-time – school must be accredited – paperwork required
- *Higher Education – (open to all Tribal members w/a high school diploma)
 - *Financial assistance while enrolled in a four-year college/university
 - *Must be enrolled full-time (12 credits per term)
 - *Must maintain a 2.0 gpa – education packet required
- *Johnson O'Malley – (open to Native students ages 3 – 18)
 - *Focus is on education: tutoring, school supplies, summer school program and monthly group activities (small yearly stipends available for music/dance)
 - *If you live outside the Coos Bay, Florence or Eugene/Springfield area, please contact the nearest Tribal education office (Siletz, Grand Ronde, Klamath, Cow Creek, Warm Springs, Umatilla, Burns Paiute) for JOM services

**5 county service area encompasses Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln*

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ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS (RETURNING AND NEW ENROLLEES)

Fall term grades are due. Please send them to me as soon as possible or your spring term stipend will not be mailed to you. Send grades to:

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Fax – 541-744-8360

Returning college students for the 2005/2006 school year must send a letter to the Education Director requesting financial assistance for the upcoming school year. The letter must include: your name, college attending, year in school (sophomore, junior, senior) major and expected graduation date. This letter must be received no later than May 1, 2005. You must also file the federal financial form again and mail me a copy of your student aid report upon receiving it.

New college students must contact either Ellen Hansen, Education Director, at 1-866-744-9300 (toll free) or Karen Porter, Education Assistant, at 541-888-7532 and request the education packet. The education packet must be completed and returned no later than May 1, 2005.

You must also file a free federal financial aid form (pick up from your high school counselor or local college financial aid office and mail as soon as possible).

Funding is limited. All returning students who meet the May 1, 2005, deadline will be funded first, followed by new students. *Anyone* missing the May 1, 2005, deadline will be funded only if money is still available.

Scholarship opportunities available through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission – visit their website at: www.osac.state.or.us or call 800-452-8807

JOM ACTIVITIES FOR 2005

Johnson O'Malley 2005 activities are listed below – please note that all activities have deadlines to sign up for participation. Watch your mailbox for deadlines, locations and activity times:

- * February 19th – bowling
- * March 19th – movies
- * April 16th – cultural day
- * May 21st – horticulture
- * June 18th – end of school activity
- * June 24th – student recognition dinner
- * July 6th – Aug. 4th – summer school
- * August 5th – Mini Pow-wow
- * August 27th – back to school activity
- * September 24th & 25th – Tsalila
- * October 29th – harvest party
- * November 19th – Traditional dinner
- * December 17th – gift making





The recent tsunami reminded us of this story, written by John Cauthorn in mid 1990s. We are printing this story with John's permission as a tribute to casualties and survivors of all types of disasters...

Tidal Waves

By John Cauthorn

A long time, MANY generations ago, there was a young lady (about 13) whose mother asked her to go pick blackberries. She was young and had better things to do, she thought to herself 'those blackberries can wait a little while, it's just the start of the season anyway.'

A week later, she was again approached, this time by her aunt, to pick some blackberries. "Oh, it's much too hot," she said, on her way, "I'll jump into the river and then be on my way." She had such a good time, but no berries were picked.

Next week, it was her grandmother. Still, the young lady found an excuse.

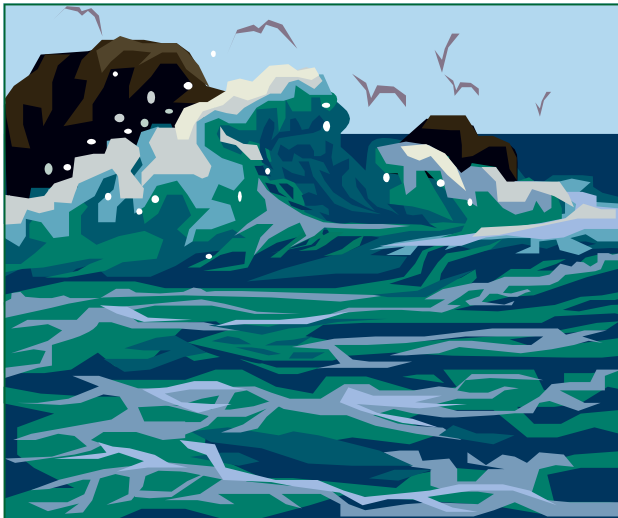
Finally, blackberry season was at its end. This time, ALL the women of the village showed up with a very LARGE basket pack. "You will go to the top of the mountain where, IF you are lucky, you will find some few good berries. Don't come back until this basket is full! You are of an age when the young men and the rich men of the village and neighboring villages are looking you over to see if you are diligent and talented enough to make a good wife. Already some have asked about you! If you fail, we will be forced to tell them that you are a shirker. Shirkers never get married, so they never have anyone to help them. They never have children, so their old age is pitiable and without honor. Now go!!"

So, she headed up hill, feeling sorry for herself and secretly wondering, as she climbed higher and higher, observing nothing but a few moldy, shriveled berries, if she was really being banished!!!

Finally, she was close to the bald top of the mountain. Looking closely at the berry vines about her, she realized that she might be able to fill the basket, but she would have to stay over-night and finish in the morning. It was going to be hard, scary work.

As she was about to start, she was suddenly thrown to the ground!! This is the way she explained it, in the old story she said her "legs wouldn't work." She tried to get up, but again her "legs wouldn't work right" and she fell to the ground. This happened four more times, so she gave up and lay there wondering what was wrong.

When at last she was able to get up, she looked out to where the river met the ocean, where her village was. She saw all the people running out on the sand flats and rocks, following the tide as it was going out, out, out past the low tide line, where they usually gather clams, muscles, and oysters. Out it went, past



the spring and fall extra-low tide marks, out to where the big grandfather clams and oysters made their homes. The big ones that could be a whole meal for a hunter returning from a long hunt! There they were digging as fast as they could go, singing and rejoicing at their wonderful good fortune. Now her eyes looked out beyond this amazing scene, out to where the ocean now was. To her horror she saw a large wave beginning to form. It rose higher and higher, faster and faster it came (these waves can reach 90 feet tall, and attain speeds of 300 or more miles per hour. What isn't BLOWN apart by this wall of water, several times, as the sloshing of the sea finally clams to normal.)

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She began to run pell-mell down the mountain, screaming and yelling, but she was up too high and too far away. No one could hear her and she couldn't possibly get there on time.

In stunned shock she stopped short, her screams dying in horror as she watched the waves crush her friends and relatives, smash her village and home, and obliterate everyone and everything she had ever known! Suddenly she was back peddling fast, but not fast enough, soon she was turning and running for the top of the hill at a dead run, the waves licking at her heels as she reached the top. As the wave receded she threw herself to the ground and cried.

Finally, the wave was over. But now came the hard part: going down the mountain where her world used to be, meeting the handful of people lucky enough, good enough, out hunting enough, or like her bad enough or wicked enough, or unfortunate enough to have survived.

So, there they were, all the summer's hard-gathered food and supplies gone. All their elders, with their elders' experience and wisdom, gone. All the warm and snug shelter...all gone, even the dug-out holes were filled in! Tools, utensils, canoes, spears, arrows, memories, stories, myth-tales even, all gone!!!

Now came the hardest part: STARTING OVER!

For, you see, the Creator made humans to be the animals of complexity. All the rest of creation, the animals, plants, rocks, clouds, water, all the rest try to make their way as simply as possible, they do not vary from the patterns that the Creator set for them. But, not his last creation. Humans always figure out how to get more and more complex. How many new laws are enacted each year, compared to the number repealed? Don't we get more and more complex taboos? Our languages? Our arts and crafts? Just how do the simplest things begin to take on more and more complicated rituals?!!

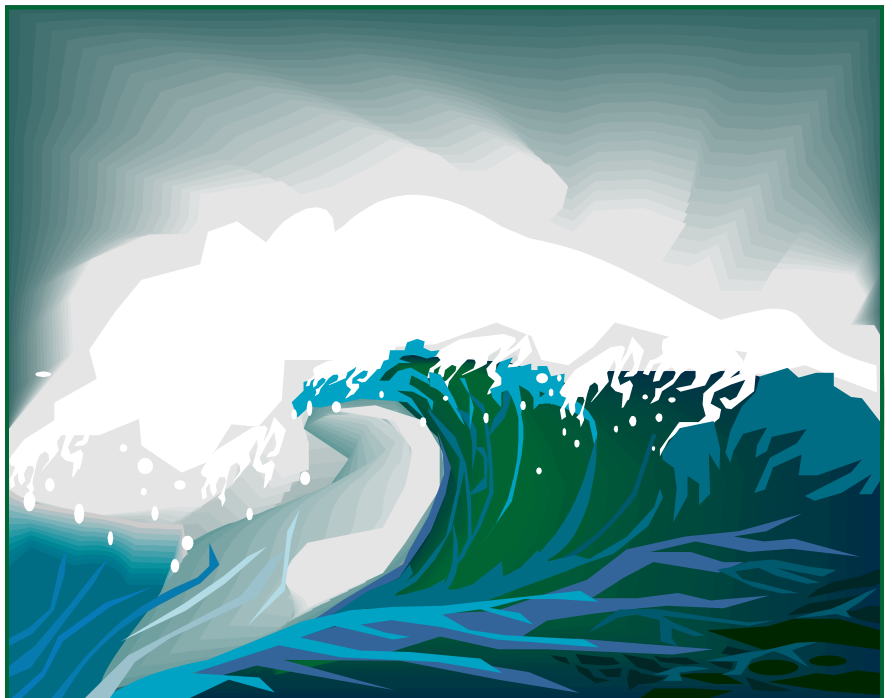
But the Creator looked at ALL the peoples of the world. He saw this amazing and decided there should be ONE group of people out of ALL the rest. A small group of people along just one part of the coast line of one continent that wouldn't be able to get too complicated!!

This is who WE are! THE UNCOMPLICATED PEOPLE!!! THE ALWAYS ENDING/BEGINNING PEOPLE!!! THE EVER BEGINNING/ENDING ONES!!! Every three hundred to five hundred years, 150 miles of this coast-line shakes itself down about three to six feet, sometimes more. Huge tidal waves!! New beginnings!!!

This time the Creator surprised us. The tidal wave came from the opposite direction for the first time! It came from the East Coast this time. Over the Great Plains, crashing over the Rockies, through the deserts, splashing over the Cascades, down into the valleys of the Willamette, and Umpqua. Finally flowing over the Coast range and smashing our villages.

So, here we are standing and swimming in the waters of this wave. All is gone, most is lost, wisdom, stories, names, languages, jokes, land, way of life, ancestors.

But you know, the Creator and this wave are giving things back. NOT what we WANT, NOT what we THINK we need, but just what the Creator knows what we REALLY NEED to start over. To be uncomplicated. To do what we were chosen to do, born to do: To become something BRAND NEW, with His help, and the Wave's help.





Contract Health Service

By Glenda Thurman

If you have not sent in your 2005 Social Security earnings report, showing the amount that is being withheld from your income for Medicare B, please do so immediately so that we can reimburse the correct amount withheld. There has been an increase in premiums this year and if we do not receive documentation showing the new premium amount, you will continue to receive the usual reimbursement. Also, we cannot retroact. So please get your documentation in to us. This refers to those living in one of the CHS five county designated areas: Coos, Douglas, Lane, Curry and Lincoln.

You have all received your applications by now and if you have not returned them, please do so. Indian Health Services require these to be updated annually, and failure to do so can result in denial of payment for services rendered. It is very important that we get copies of your primary and Medicare insurance cards, so please send copies of them with your applications. Because of the new confidentiality laws, insurance companies are issuing new cards using new numbers rather than your social security for identification. If that is the case with your insurance company, make sure we get a copy of your new card. If there becomes a change in your insurance coverage we would appreciate you letting us know immediately. If you are living within the five counties and you have not received your application, let us know and we will get one sent out to you.

We have had to issue a number of denials for payment of medical services because of failure to call for authorization. Remember you must call for a purchase order after you have made your appointment and before seeing the doctor. In the event of an emergency, you have 72 hours in which to notify us. We don't like having to deny any claims, so just a simple phone call will prevent this.

Another reason we must issue denials is because sometimes people misuse the Emergency service at the hospital. If the reason for emergency service does not fit within the emergency priority, we must deny the charges. The emergency room costs much more than an office visit to your primary doctor. So make sure when you go to the ER that it is a true emergency, and not something that could wait until the doctor's office opens.

If you have a prescription that is not covered by your insurance and the pharmacy needs preauthorization from us before filling it, remember our office hours are 8-5 Monday through Friday. We are closed weekends and major holidays. If you pay for your prescriptions out-of-pocket it can be a hassle to get your reimbursement. Indian Health Services will not allow us to reimburse the member directly, therefore if you have paid for something and need to be reimbursed, we have to send the check to the vendor and in turn the vendor reimburses you. If it is a large corporation, such as Wal-mart or Rite Aid, the check could end up in their corporate office on the East Coast, and then it can take weeks before you get your money back. **Do not pay out of pocket unless you absolutely have to.** Either have the vendor call us or go to one that will bill us.

Remember that our office doors are always open to you and we are here ready and willing to help in any way that we can.



Karen and I hope your holidays were happy and joyful, and we wish you good health and happiness for the New Year.



THREE RIVERS CASINO

Super Promotion. Super Trip.



The casino Football Fantasy promotion attracted hundreds of fans each week.

On a cold, rainy Sunday in January, participants gathered to play and hopefully win a trip for two to the Super Bowl. Karren Lansky from Springfield, pictured above with Mike Bones, Fun Guy and Sabrina Spain, Player's Club Manager, bested the field and is headed for sunny Jacksonville for the big game on February 6th, (i.e. she took \$5,000.00 in cash). Congratulations Karren!

Upcoming Activities at Three Rivers Casino:

- Blackjack Tournament..... Wednesdays
 - Valentine's Day Sweetheart Slot Tournament
- Cruise-a-Day Giveaway in March

Also.... Watch for the debut of the first Three Rivers Casino television commercial.
Lights, Camera..... Action!

THINGS ARE LUCKIER HERE!



Three Rivers Learning Center

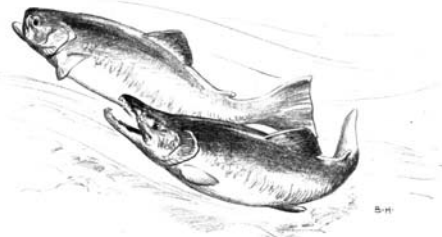
Submitted by Nancy Caffey



What a busy week here at the Learning Center! You might have noticed things seem a bit fishy over here. We are learning all about fish. We have had a couple of guests come and include the children in some fun and interesting activities.



One of the guests that visited us was Scott Hanson. He gave his input on how to prepare and cook smoked salmon. He was given a "dry brine recipe" by Eddie Helms, which he passed down to us. The children went in small groups to see the smoker and how Scott smokes Salmon. We were also visited by the fish and wildlife department. They brought salmon eggs and told the children all about how the eggs become the Salmon that we eat today.



HORSE Club Expanding

Submitted by Family Services

HORSE Club is ready to expand its activities to the children of the Florence, Eugene and Roseburg areas starting in February, 2005. Children will be bussed to the G-G stables in Coos Bay for a Saturday full of fun and horsing around. Come meet, ride and interact with, Sun Riser, Mandero, Kirby, Cowgirl, Jazz, Shaton, and Lucy. The children will be grooming, riding and participating in teamwork building activities with the horses — fun for all! Drivers for Tribal vans are needed from each area. If you are interested, please contact Roni Jackson @ 541-888-7657. **Safety** is HORSE Club's **number one priority**, and this explains why the children are being brought to the horses rather than transporting the horses to unfamiliar situations and conditions. The children will **need to pre-register**, because there is limited space available and required forms to complete before the activity. Children 1st grade through 12th grade are eligible for this activity. It is **free!!** Lunch and a snack will be provided.

For more information and a registration packet, please call Roni Jackson, Family Services, @ 541-888-7657, or toll-free @ 1-800-618-6827. Hope to hear from you soon!



Senator Gordon Smith Meets With Oregon Tribes

Our Tribal Council and Tribal Administrator attended a meeting January 13th with Senator Smith and leaders of other Oregon Tribes. Leaders of the Umatilla, Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Siletz and Coquille Tribes were also in attendance. The meeting was held as a fund-raising breakfast to aid in Senator Smith's reelection. When asked about the meeting, Council Chairman, Ron Brainard told this editor that Senator Smith is, "A champion who stepped up to the plate to help us when no one else would."

During the meeting, Senator Smith congratulated the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians for their success with Gregory Point and Coos Head. He also spent ten to fifteen minutes with each individual tribe in attendance to discuss their needs.

During the discussion with our Tribes, Council Vice-Chair, Cheryl Hoile, gave Senator Smith an update on Three Rivers Casino. Council Chairman, Ron Brainard, and Tribal Administrator, Francis Somday, informed Senator Smith about Gregory Point and Coos Head, asking for his help on the two matters.

Senator Smith told Council members that he is committed to reintroducing the Tribes' land bill and would try to do anything else he could to help the Tribes.



Teaching Emotional Skills

Submitted by Family Services



Putting feelings into words — It is not always easy for young children to understand the many emotions they feel. Knowing what we are feeling helps us talk about feelings, manage them and act positively on them. There is a lot you can do to help your child learn to talk about feelings.

Encourage your child to talk about how he or she feels. If your child looks upset, don't just ask: "How do you feel?" Instead, say: "You look mad. What is making you feel that way?"

Try to understand and support your child's feelings. For example: "I know you are upset that we cannot go to the park. I wish we could, too. Maybe tomorrow it will not rain."

Never make your child feel bad for feeling a certain way. Never try to talk your child out of an emotion.

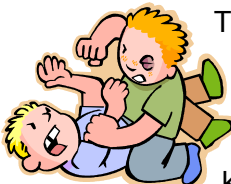
If your child has a hard time talking about feelings, encourage him or her to draw the feelings.

Talk about a time when you were young and felt the same emotion.

Tell your child often how you feel. For example: "I am happy that you gave me a hug when I felt sad. I do not feel as sad anymore."

Nurturing your own emotional health —

It is as important as eating well, exercising and getting enough rest. Do not keep emotions bottled up — share them with your spouse, partner or friends.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

SPRINGFIELD OUTREACH OFFICE

Update on Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP): So far the LIEAP applications have been flooding in. As of right now, we have used up all of our allotted funding and are waiting for more, which should be coming in soon. If you are still in need of assistance, please call me at the Springfield Outreach office to have your name placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions about eligibility guidelines, please also give me a call.

Update on Red Cross Infant/Child/Adult CPR and First Aid Training: The class that was scheduled last November had to be cancelled for lack of participant sign up. We are in the process of trying to reschedule for possibly sometime in early spring. The class is open to everyone. Participants who are present for the entire duration of the training will be eligible for certification; CPR certification is good for one year and First Aid certification is good for three years. The cost is \$43.00 per person. Tribal members pay only half price, \$21.50. Watch your newsletter and mailbox for flyers.

Mandy Wing

FLORENCE OUTREACH OFFICE

In the coming months, we have planned many activities. One such activity will be Open House. We have planned the time frame to accommodate those who work and go to school. We know it will be difficult for some to attend, but we hope those who can will take advantage of it. We would like your input as to what you would like to see happening at Open House. If you have a special request for regalia, craft, information, etc., please let us know. We want to provide for your needs and requests, and make this an enjoyable visit for all. We hope to see you there. Look for flyers in the mail beginning February, 2005.

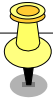
Pamela Pike Eagle

COOS BAY OUTREACH OFFICE

Please Note: The February calendar stated that the Coos Bay Breakfast will be held at the Pancake Mill on Feb. 8th is at 11:30 a.m.. **This should be 8:30 a.m..**

We appreciate your patience in these matters. We understand the confusion these errors cause and will try hard to be more accurate in the future.

Mary Adamec



Love and Logic

Submitted by Family Services

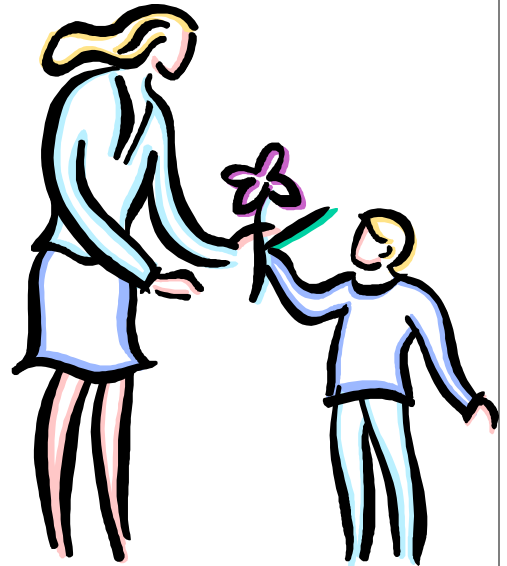
Hey parents, are you ready for a new communication style to use when interacting with your kids? Tired of yelling and arguing in your home? **Love and Logic** suggests a new way through natural and logical consequences.

Program objectives include:

- é **The four steps to responsibility.**
- é **Recognize who is in control.**
- é **Offer appropriate choices.**
- é **Identify problem ownership.**
- é **Setting limits.**
- é **Design appropriate consequences.**
- é **Problem resolution.**

Please contact Roni Jackson in Family Services at 541-888-7657 if you are interested in learning more about this 12-week parenting curriculum to be offered in the Coos Bay, Florence, and Springfield areas at the request of interested parents.

Thanks. I Hope to hear from you soon.



CONGRATULATIONS, RUSTY!

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Rusty Bossley to Surveillance Lead. Rusty is a tribal member that has been with the surveillance department since its inception last April. In an Agent role, Rusty has shown high standards in work ethic, knowledge and responsibility consistent with the demands set forth by this department. Let's all congratulate Rusty on this newest step in his career.



Upcoming 9th Annual Elders' Honor Day Celebration

On March 18th, in celebration of Elders' Honor Day, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians will be hosting a luncheon at the Mill Casino at 11:15 a.m., and a reception at our Tribal Hall from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. A breakfast is scheduled for 8 a.m. March 19th at the Mill Casino.



Gregory Point: Over the years, many tribal members have sought the return of Gregory Point, an 18 acre parcel of land containing a tribal cemetery. This site includes Chiefs Island which is rich in culture. The Tribal Council and Administration working cooperatively with the Bureau of Land Management have sought a withdrawal of the property to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a long term 20 year special use permit to the Confederated Tribes. This process is nearing completion by the BLM and the BIA. The schedule for final completion of this transfer is May of 2005. While the tribes and membership will enjoy the use of the property for the next 20 years, the plan is to make an investment on the site that would ultimately allow the property to be transferred in title to the tribes.



Chief's Island at Gregory Point

Coos Head: We have fought no greater battle with government agencies than for the return of Coos Head to tribal ownership. After applying for the acquisition of Coos Head, we were assured that the transfer would be completed. However, an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs failed to complete the necessary documentation in a timely manner and the General Services Administration sought to sell Coos Head to Coos County.

Realizing we were about to lose the site, Tribal Council and Administration sued both the BIA and GSA and reversed the GSA's decision. After many months of negotiations and discussions, the GSA was convinced to support the transfer of the entire site to the Confederated Tribes. The Military has agreed to clean the site to federal standards. We



View of Ocean from Coos Head property

We are now in the final stages of completing the transfer. GSA must request a "No Cost Waiver" from the Office of Management and Budget. This means that the United States Government would not require the appraised price for the property (which could be in the millions of dollars), but would transfer the property to the tribes at no cost. This is appropriate since the United States did not pay anything for the property when it was taken from the tribes in the 1800's. This transfer has been extremely difficult to achieve. The Tribal Council and its' Chairman met with the GSA Administrator (the highest level in the GSA) and the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs (highest level in BIA) to convince them to proceed with the transfer of Coos Head, as well as, support for a "No Cost Waiver" to OMB.

Economic Development: The **Three Rivers Casino** had its' Grand Opening on June 19, 2004, after years of litigation and struggle. The temporary facility has been well received by the community and casino patrons. We are please to tell you that the operations are achieving financial projections. Three Rivers Casino has provided an economic stimulation to, not only the tribes, but also Lane County by providing employment opportunities and contract services. This new entertainment venue is bringing new customers to the region and, as a whole, stimulates an improving local economy.

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More importantly for members of the tribes, the Three Rivers Casino is providing needed revenue to fund services such as Education, Health, Housing and Employment. The Tribal Council has created endowments to insure the long term stability of these services. Revenues will be deposited in these endowments and the initial deposits will grow by accruing interest. Each endowment will generate adequate interest on an annual basis great enough to fund the annual budget of that specific service without expending any of the initial deposits. This plan, over time, will provide for the self-sufficiency.



Three Rivers Casino

Increased Funding for Tribal Member Services: While the endowments will provide for long term self-sufficiency, the current needs of the membership must be met. This Tribal Council and Membership are skilled in identifying those needs and seeking government funded grants and contracts. Over the past five years, grants and contract funds have increased 40%. This increase of funding can be translated into an equal increase in services in education and employment, the childcare and learning center, housing and construction, health and dental, natural resources and environmental issues, economic development, cultural needs, tribal court and law enforcement services. The Administration and Division Managers are focused on tribal needs and take every opportunity to apply for and secure any and all government sponsored funding sources.

Questionnaires: In order to properly identify the needs of members we periodically send out informational materials and questionnaires to assist us. Recently we sent out a skills inventory questionnaire to help us assess the educational and employment needs and to help us contact you when a position becomes available. While you may be gainfully employed we have a duty to notify you of what we have to offer in the way of employment. Please complete the form and return it and we will make every effort to provide you with information regarding possible opportunities.

Summary: It has been a very successful year but there is a lot more work to be done. This report is intended to highlight the most critical projects. Many people have committed their time and efforts in order to achieve these accomplishments. Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to them in the spirit of teamwork. Working together we have been successful. The Tribal Council and Administration have provided the leadership necessary and all of the employees have worked efficiently and effectively on behalf of the entire General Membership. We thank you for your encouragement and support.

Cedar Bark Basket Weaving Class

February 25th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and February 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CLUSI Tribal Hall in Coos Bay

The February 25th session will be followed by a potluck. Please bring a dish to share. A salmon dinner and story telling in the plank house will follow the February 26th session. Please RSVP prior to February 16th with Nancy Dupaquier, 541-439-4841 or email Southcoastweaver@aol.com.



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Happy Valentine's Day

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Tribal Newsletter

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Tribal Veterans Participate in Parade

Submitted by Warren Brainard

"Thank you. Welcome home," was the slogan for the sixth annual Lane County Veterans' Day parade, organized by Dan Rupe. The parade was watched with appreciation by hundreds of on-lookers that lined the streets of Eugene. The rain disappeared for the entire 1½ mile route.

Chariman Ron Brainard was among the dignitaries viewing from the Veteran Memorial Building with Sallylou Bonzer, a World War II nurse who landed at Normandy, France in 1944. Bonzer served as grand marshal for the event and welcomed home the returning veterans from the on-going Iraq war.

The parade featured service members from the Persian Gulf, Vietnam, Korean and World War II wars, as well as the Oregon Army National Guard Battalion 162nd Infantry, who were in Iraq on Veterans' Day last year. The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution rode on a float pulled by the Native American Veterans of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Also, to the delight of onlookers, two Black Hawk Helicopters did a fly-over.

Leading the parade, along with the Grand Ronde Color Guard, were our Tribal Member veteran representatives, Warren Brainard, Henry Brainard, Patrick Brainard and Conrad Gagner.

A barbecue was held at the Memorial Building for those marching in the parade.





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- **Tribal Health Board**

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- **Oregon Cultural Trust Tribal Cultural Coalition Planning Committee**

George Barton, Chair

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Place: University of Oregon
Long House
1630 Columbia
Eugene, Oregon

Date: December 11, 2005

Time: 10:00 AM

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
- 6) Other
- 7) Good of Tribes
- 8) Executive Session, if needed



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Upcoming Events



December

- **Florence Christmas Dinner**
December 2nd *
- **Housing Committee Meeting**
December 5th: Housing Department Office
at 1:30 p.m.
- **Coos Bay Christmas Dinner**
December 9th *
- **Regular Council Meeting**
December 11th: Springfield
- **Springfield Christmas Dinner**
December 16th *

* = RSVP Required

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TRIBES, AS WELL
AS UPCOMING TRIBAL EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE AT: www.ctclusi.org.**

Committee Vacancies

Please consider joining a committee today! The following committees have openings:

3! CLUSHA (Housing) Committee: *Three vacancies*

3! Education Committee: *Two vacancies*

If you are interested in joining either of these two committees, please submit a letter to:

**Confederated Tribes of Coos,
Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
ATTN: Tribal Council
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420**

January 2006

- **Housing Committee Meeting**
January 2nd: Housing Department Office
at 1:30 p.m.
- **Regular Council Meeting**
January 8th: Coos Bay

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

♦ **Resolution # 05-101**

Date Passed: 10-09-05

Subject: *Gateway Property Fee-to-Trust
Conversion Request*

♦ **Resolution # 05-104**

Date Passed: 10-31-05

Subject: *Emergency Housing Policy Approval*

♦ **Resolution # 05-106**

Date Passed: 10-31-05

Subject: *Special Counsel Contract
(Bruce Greene)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-109**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Enactment of Juvenile Dependency
Ordinance (2nd Reading)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-111**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Peacegiving Court
Ordinance (2nd Reading)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-113**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Tim Rose Performance Incentive
(3rd Quarter)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-103**

Date Passed: 10-09-05

Subject: *Coos Head*

♦ **Resolution # 05-105**

Date Passed: 10-31-05

Subject: *Contract Health Policy & Procedure Manual*

♦ **Resolution # 05-107**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Enrollment Certification*

♦ **Resolution # 05-110**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Enactment of Juvenile Justice
Ordinance (2nd Reading)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-112**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Violations Ordinance (2nd Reading)*

♦ **Resolution # 05-114**

Date Passed: 11-13-05

Subject: *Mike Rose Performance Incentive
(3rd Quarter)*

(Please see page 10 for Enrollment Updates)

From the Desk of Your Cultural Development Coordinator:

National American Indian Heritage Month, 2005

By the President of the United States of America

National American Indian Heritage Month honors the many contributions and accomplishments of American Indians and Alaska Natives. During November, we remember the legacy of the first Americans and celebrate their vibrant and living traditions.

The American Indian experience is central to the American story, and my Administration is committed to helping Native American cultures across the United States continue to flourish. One of the most important ways to ensure a successful future is through education. Over the past 4 years, my Administration has provided more than \$1 billion for the construction and renovation of Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. We also offer direct assistance for educator and counselor training to help make sure every classroom has a qualified teacher and every child has the tools he or she needs to succeed. As we work with tribal leaders to provide students with a superior education that respects the unique culture and traditions of the community, we can help ensure every child has the opportunity to realize their dreams. For more information please visit

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-22296.pdf>



Background Investigations Required for Employees and Volunteers

From the Office of Tribal Attorney

At its September meeting, the Tribal Council adopted a new ordinance regarding background investigations for tribal employees and volunteers. This ordinance brings the Tribes into compliance with existing federal law regarding employees and volunteers of the Tribes who have regular contact with or control over Indian children. All employees and prospective employees with the Tribes will undergo a "determination of suitability" which will include a criminal background investigation, to determine whether the person has engaged in past conduct, indicated by arrests or convictions that would create a risk of danger or loss to the Tribes based on the specific job responsibilities of the employee or volunteer position sought. A conviction of a crime is not an automatic bar to employment, but would be examined to determine its relevance to the proposed job duties.

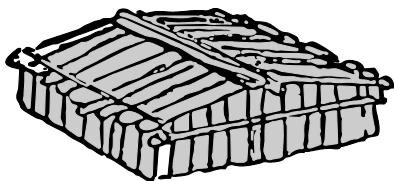


Additionally, for any employee, volunteer or contractor applying for a position which includes regular contact with or control over children, a more rigorous background check will be conducted. The ordinance adopted the Federal requirement that people seeking such positions undergo a background investigation which includes a fingerprint check. It additionally states that any person who has been convicted in any court of crimes of violence, sexual abuse, sexual assault, sexual molestation, sexual exploitation, sexual contact or prostitution, a crime with a child victim, a drug felony or a felony or two or more misdemeanor crimes against persons, may not serve as either an employee, contractor or volunteer in a position with regular contact or control over children.

The ordinance does NOT require a background investigation for individuals who merely wish to participate in a tribal event where children are present, such as Culture Camp or Family Camp. It only applies to individuals who will be there in positions of authority as contractors, volunteers or employees.

If any negative information is found through a criminal history check, the person affected will be given notice of the information and an opportunity to refute or explain the negative information.

This ordinance was adopted to protect the Tribes' most valuable resource, our children.



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS
CLUSHA INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

The Housing Department has completed the HUD required Annual Progress Report and it is available for your review and comments. We have extra copies in the Housing office. Call us and please respond by January 30, 2006. Thank You for your time!!!

**Call for your copy today
Phone (541) 756-7783 or 1-888-280-0726**



2006 Housing Goals



The following is a list of goals that the Housing Department will achieve during our 2006 year. These goals are written into our HUD required Indian Housing Plan, and it is available for your review. Call the Housing Department if you would like a copy. If you have any comments, please let us know by January 15, 2006.



Our Mission Statement is: To improve the quality of life of all eligible Tribal members, members of other Tribes, and other needy families by working in partnership with community-based organizations to provide housing services including the development and maintenance of decent, safe and affordable housing.



Goal 1. Manage all affordable housing programs



3! Activity 1. Maintain Qaxas Heights as safe, decent and affordable rental housing.



3! Activity 2. Administer Rental Assistance Program effectively.



3! Activity 3. Administer Down Payment Assistance Program effectively.



3! Activity 4. Administer Home Repair Assistance program effectively.



3! Activity 5. Administer Emergency Housing Program effectively.



Goal 2. Purchase additional land for the construction of new housing as necessary.

Activity 1. Research new properties for future housing projects.



Goal 3. Purchase existing homes for low-income rentals as necessary.

Activity 1. Purchase existing homes for low-income rental units as opportunities arise.



Goal 4. Complete Gregory Point Remodel

3! Activity 1. Work with Council on developing architectural plans



3! Activity 2. Implement the plan



Goal 5. Determine Housing Need in 5 County Area

Activity: Assist in the Development of Master Plan



Goal 6. Develop partnerships with Tribal and local community organizations to enhance housing services, such as childcare, emergency assistance programs for homeless persons, and shelter programs for victims of domestic violence.



3! Activity 1. Network with local service providers.



3! Activity 2. Attend area service provider meetings and functions.



Goal 7. Take advantage of any opportunities that would enhance the mission statement within the NAHASDA guidelines.



3! Activity 1. Attend HUD trainings and conferences to keep abreast of program changes.



3! Activity 2. Attend and network with other Northwest Indian Housing Departments.



2006 JURY NOTICES ARE IN THE MAIL

Tribal Judge Don Owen Costello has announced that jury questionnaires were recently mailed to a randomly-selected group of Oregon tribal members who will make up the jury pools for 2006. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the court clerk in the envelope provided by December 1, 2005.

Although there is no immediate need for a jury, tribal law requires that the court clerk have a jury pool available in the event a civil case does proceed to trial.

The questionnaires of those asking to be excused will be reviewed by the judge and appropriate exemptions granted when a jury trial is scheduled and the court knows what time period will be involved.



Prepared to Face the Unthinkable?

Submitted by: Family Services

The recent event played out in the media of Terri Schiavo's controversial legal battle over life and death should raise questions that resonate within us all. You may remember that Terri Schiavo, age 41, was hospitalized in Florida for ten years until, after difficult legal challenges by her family and her husband, the feeding tube was removed and she died almost two weeks later. Whatever your position, should you be unable to speak for yourself, would your loved ones know what to do? Have you discussed your wishes with them? Have you made the move to fill out an **Advance Directive** outlining your wishes? While these are difficult steps to take, by having these discussions now, you will be able to provide comfort and direction to those you care for even when you are no longer able to speak for yourself.

The Health and Human Service staff have copies of **Advance Directives**, should you and your family members wish to fill them out. If you are interested in obtaining an Advance Directive form, please feel free to contact any of the following:

- Family Services at 1-800-618-6827
- Springfield Outreach at 541-744-1334
- Florence Outreach at 541-997-6685



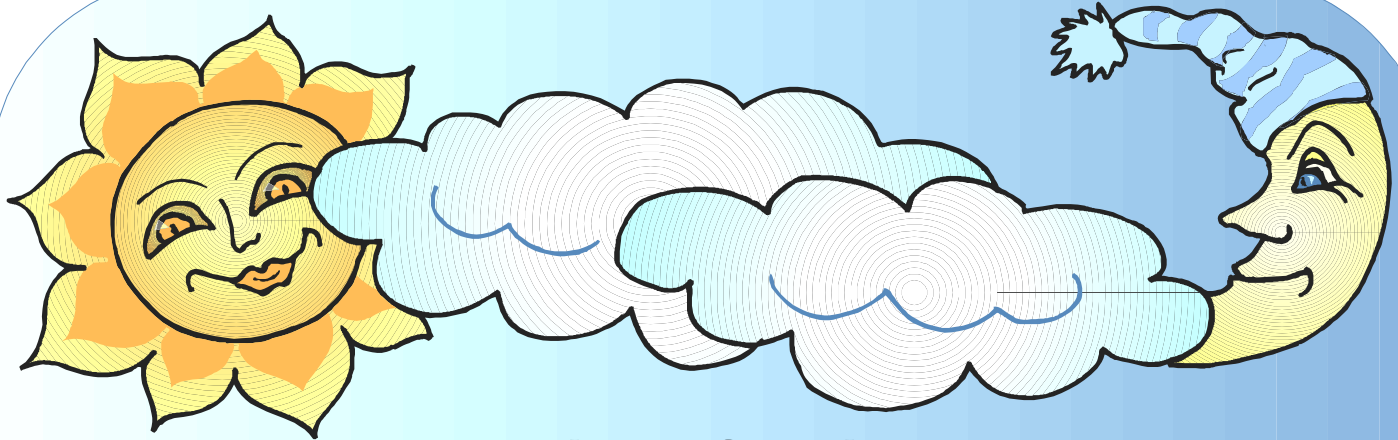
Changes?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, telephone number, name, or addition to your family.

Changes should be submitted to:

Eileen King * Council Secretary/Enrollment Coordinator * 1245 Fulton Avenue * Coos Bay, OR 97420

Phone (541) 888-9577 * Fax: (541) 888-2853



Winter Solstice

By Patricia Phillips

The cycle of the seasons were important to our ancestors. They watched the phases of the moon, annual cycles of movement of the sun and stars, and the seasonal flowering of different plants. In this way they noted the seasons to harvest camas, when to expect various fish runs, and all other important seasonal activities.

As a part of this knowledge our ancestors marked the Winter Solstice, which this year falls on December 21st. The winter solstice is the day when the sun appears at its lowest on the horizon, has the shortest hours of daylight and the longest hours of night. After the winter solstice, the daylight hours begin to lengthen again (until the summer solstice in June). The winter solstice was called “when the sun goes back,” *la t’kalis biinats’* and *q’wale’es biinats’* in Hanis and Miluk Coos respectively.

Annie Miner Peterson was the only person from our tribes that left a record of a solstice dance, and she had never seen it herself. She only heard a description of it from her mother. According to Annie, there was a dance held at night. The adults all wore what she described as ‘ugly masks,’ which were made of:

...dried deer heads...[or] sewed-together eel skins; or of half or less of salmon skin. The skin would be fastened over the head...Some may have on a dried wild cat head. Mrs. P. thinks all the dancers, men and women both, have masks. Some women weave maple leaves for garments (cape and skirt) for just this dance, or ferns are made in a cape and skirt for this dance. The men wear a hide (wild cat, panther, deer) of some sort with fur on, for this dance. (Jacobs notebook 93, page 101).

Children were frightened of the masks. Annie was told that the children were so scared that they might become sick, so they were not allowed to go to this dance.

Unfortunately, that is all Annie Peterson learned of the dance from her mother. The meaning behind the masks and dance is now lost.

However, it is illuminating to note that many northern cultures celebrated Winter Solstice as a time that symbolizes death and rebirth. The sun appears to come near death as it reaches its nadir at the solstice, but then it appears to return to life as it climbs higher in the horizon and the days lengthen, and many cultures had feasts or religious ceremonies to help bring the sun back to life. Perhaps this dance also held a similar meaning for our ancestors.



Weatherization News

By Scott Hansen



Tribes Wx Dept Hosts Solar Daze in Eugene

Are you interested in solar energy and especially solar thermal energy (as in solar hot water heaters for home or business)? If so, mark December 7th on your calendar, and plan to attend the free Solar Information Workshop in Eugene, Oregon. This workshop will explore and explain Solar Water Heaters and estimating your solar potential, while explaining incentives and "do it yourself" options. The December 7th Show will be at 409 High Street in the Meeting Room of the Midgley Building from 9am to 2:30pm. Please contact Scott Hansen, toll free at 866-744-9300, if you need more information.

Weatherization Pays as Utilities Increase Rates

Every six months our utilities are asking for higher rate increases through our Public Utility Commission, and even with the diligence of our private utility watchdog, the Citizen Utility Board (the board has saved ratepayers over 3.4 Billion dollars since 1984), our rates continue to rise. Weatherization is another defense against these rate hikes because it lowers our utility usage. The Tribes' low income weatherization program is one resource, but there are many others, including local utilities or non-profits like Oregon's Energy Trust. Ask the clerk where you pay your utility bill about these services, or go on the web to see how the savings make sense. If you are served by PacifiCorp or PG&E, visit the Energy Trust's Web site at:

<http://www.energytrust.org/residential/hes/index.html>, where you can check out the *Home Energy Analyzer* and get four free Compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Remember to check out Tax Credits whenever you are considering any energy efficiencies including clothes washers and hybrid automobiles.

SHOW: Oil, Gas and Wood heated homes

The homes that heat with resources other than electricity can still be involved in energy savings and get some incentives and credits through the State Heating Oil and Wood Program. Visit the Energy Trust or Oregon Department of Energy at <http://oregon.gov/ENERGY>.

Enrollment Updates

Cody James Dauterman

DO: John McArthur

Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Max Edward James

DO: John McArthur

Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Andrew Ryan James

DO: John McArthur

Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Jaid Lynn McNutt

DO: Hazel Ernestine Anderson

Tribe: Coos

Alhana Lee McNutt

DO: Hazel Ernestine Anderson

Tribe: Coos

Scott Darius McNutt

DO: Hazel Ernestine Anderson

Tribe: Coos

Name Change

Veri Coy Boyle to Veri Coy Green

Shane Loren Mikulecky to Shane Loren Henderson

Michelle Brooke Perry to Michelle Brooke Brix

Active to Historic

Aloah Ann 'Sis' Nelson #0209



Cultural Development Coordinator News

By Howard Roy

The Culture Committee and the Cultural Development Coordinator started a new canoe project after the Culture Committee meeting on November 12th, 2005. The cedar log was moved to the location next to the cedar plank house. The top and bottom of the log have been cut. There is also a place for onlookers to sit, next to the plank house, during future work to be done on the canoe. Chief Brainard would like to see tribal members take ownership of the log and take interest in helping to work on the canoe project. The log is minimal, and presents some interesting challenges. The log itself determines the future canoe's shape and size. Chief Brainard is very enthusiastic about the canoe project, and his interest is contagious.



Chief Brainard and Bill Helms working on the layout.



Upcoming Cultural Events

- Flint-knapping and bow making December 13th & 14th at the Tribal Hall. We shall begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. There will be a break for lunch. Call Howard Roy at (541) 888-9577 for details.
- There is a Culture Night scheduled for December 10th, at Tribal Hall, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We will be making dentalium and pine nut necklaces, as well as dance shawls.
- Flute circle is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Tribal Hall.



Three Rivers Learning Center

Submitted by Natasha Caffey

One of the topics at Three Rivers Learning Center was "Earth and Environment," (for the Letter E). The children learned how important it is to recycle and keep our earth clean. They are proud of their school. They spent one morning (while wearing gloves and holding little bags) picking up trash as they went on a walk-about, around Tribal Hall. November 15th was America's Recycle Day. The staff and students at the learning center are doing their best to clean up and pitch in!

In late October, we had quite a celebration for Harvest and Halloween. We took an exciting trip to the Pumpkin Patch, where the children got to pick their own pumpkins and gourds to take home. We also visited our friends at the Tribal administration building for Trick-or-Treating and a costume parade. We had a wonderful time and came back to school with loads of candy!

Presently, we are beginning our "Thankfulness" and "Sharing and Caring" units, which will encourage our little ones to be thinking of others for the holidays.

Tribal member Scott Hansen came to the learning center to teach the children how to smoke salmon and prepare it in the traditional way. The children will each bring some of the salmon home to share with their families. We are planning activities for the upcoming holiday season, and look forward to sharing the excitement with our children and their families.





Holiday Cash Bash. Be Here Dec 10th and 17th from 10am – 10pm for your chance to win \$777 in Holiday Cash.

Toy Drive. Receive \$5 in Free Slot Play for your donation. One time limited offer available Nov 25th – Dec 17th. All toys go to the Soroptimist Annual Christmas Food and Toy Drive.

Slot tournament. Last chance tournament is Dec 6th. Semi-Finals AM tournament is Dec 13th and PM tournament is Dec 20th. Tournament of Champions is Dec 27th. Please see the Players Club for details.



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www.threeriverscasino.com.



Spotlight for December



TRC's Facility & Plant Operations Crew

Starting from the left is Rob Beebe, along with four CTCLUSI Members: James Rensing, Linn McNutt, Mike McNutt and Jesse Gardner.

Jesse and his maintenance team (Rob, James & Linn) are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Casino property as well as the implementation of safety & code compliance procedures. Mike's expertise involves the proper performance of the casino's plant operations equipment -- wastewater treatment plant, water system, backup generator & HVAC. Together, these hard-working Team Members keep the casino property clean & safe at all times so our Team Members may have a proper working environment and our guests may enjoy their gaming and/or dining experience.

TRC is always accepting applications for:
Janitorial Techs, Slot Attendants, Players Club Reps, Kitchen Staff & Food Servers

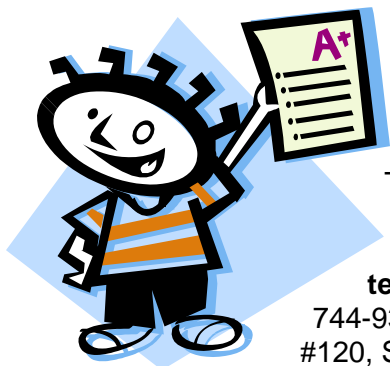
*"Employment at TRC is fast-paced & guest-service oriented.
If you have people skills and a fabulous can-do attitude, please call me."*

Sally Wantz, Human Resources – 541-902-7217

"Things really ARE luckier here."



Education Department



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS – CURRENT AND NEW!

To all current college students receiving funding from the education program: this is a reminder that you must submit a new FASFA and a letter requesting funds if you plan to attend college next fall (2006/2007). Also, don't forget that your **fall term grades are due prior to beginning winter term**. They can be faxed (541-744-9360), emailed (ehansen_edu@hotmail.com) or mailed (1126 Gateway Loop, #120, Springfield, OR 97477 – Attn. Ellen).

To all potential new college students (2006/2007) please call Ellen at 866-744-9300 and request an education packet. Also, you should be looking for outside scholarships, as you are required to apply for at least three to become eligible for Tribal funding.

Deadline to request financial help is May 1, 2006. Funding is limited, so please don't procrastinate.



JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS GIFT MAKING

Hey, Kids! It's time to make those special Christmas gifts again. On Saturday, December 17th, please join Karen in Coos Bay and Ellen in Springfield and let's make some gifts. Watch your mail for more information!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Hey Kids! Come to the Tribal Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to participate in our reading, tutoring and activity program. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other kids and to stay on top of all your schoolwork. A light supper will be served to all students who attend. Call Karen at 888-1108 for more information.



Merry Christmas – from your education department staff - *Ellen, Karen, Phyllis, Nancy, Darlene, Natasha, Ernie and Jeannie.*





COMMUNITY OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

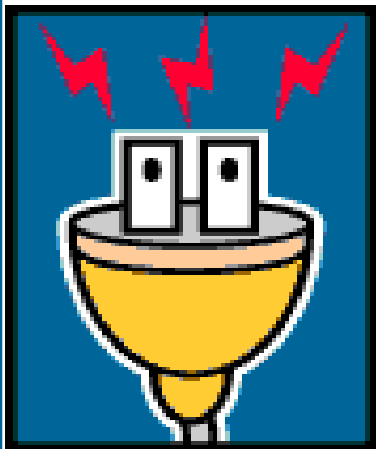
Submitted by Elaine Williams

Elders Activity Program

We would like to share the highlights of the "Important Survey" that will play a key role in planning activities for 2006. Out of 75 surveys mailed to Tribal Elders and widows in the state of Oregon we received 33 responses. Most of the questions were unanimously "yes or no" and we will make those changes accordingly. We will make no changes in the few that were too close to call. Your Tribal Health Board will be given the opportunity to review all of the surveys and comments. Thank you to all who responded. If you wish to review a detailed report, please contact your local outreach office.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
11	10	Would you like to attend more potluck luncheons?
7	19	Klamath Falls Train Trip in May.
22	3	Replace Klamath Falls trip with another type of trip in May.
12	13	Picnic in Coos Bay prior to the Student Recognition Dinner in June.
10	7	Other suggestions in place of picnic.
22	4	Combined Monthly Luncheon at Seven Feathers in July.
26	2	Siletz Elders Honor Day in April.
30	1	Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day in July.
24	6	Women's Retreat/Men's Fishing Trip in September.
21	5	Woahink Potluck/Picnic in Florence in September.
22	5	Holiday Lunch at Tribal Hall in December.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program



The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be starting up soon. For more information, please contact your nearest local Tribal office:

Pamela Pike Eagle in Florence at (866) 313-9913
 Mandy Wing in Springfield at (800) 877-2718
 Roni Jackson in Coos Bay at (800) 618-6827

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